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| Serial No.: | 10/517969                        | Group Art Unit: | UNKNOWN        |
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| Title:      | PROTECTIVE COATING FOR DOCUMENTS |                 |                |

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted via facsimile to Mail Stop PCT; Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 13, 2006.

By: 

Name: James A. Larson

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b) mailed January 12, 2006.

A document titled "Declaration By Andrea Snook In Support Of Filing On Behalf Of Nonsigning Inventor Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" is enclosed. The Declaration is signed by Andrea Snook, an officer of DataCard Corporation, authorizing Dennis J. Warwick to sign the declaration on behalf of DataCard Corporation. A newly executed declaration by Dennis J. Warwick is also enclosed.


Applicant requests granting of this petition to allow this application to proceed without the signature of the named inventor, Ruediger Kreuter.

No additional fee is believed to be due. In the event that a fee is due in consideration of this petition, to Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson deposit account no. 50-3478.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned at 612.455.3805.

Respectfully submitted,

March 13, 2006  
Date

  
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**DECLARATION BY ANDREA SNOOK IN SUPPORT OF FILING  
ON BEHALF OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)**

I am General Counsel and Secretary for DataCard Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 11111 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.

I understand that Dennis J. Warwick, an employee of DataCard Corporation, has previously signed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney document on July 28, 2005, on behalf of DataCard Corporation in the above-referenced patent application. I further understand that the signing of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Dennis J. Warwick on behalf of DataCard Corporation was previously authorized by Cassandra Voigt, a Corporate Attorney with DataCard Corporation.

I hereby authorize the signing of the declaration for the above referenced patent application by Dennis J. Warwick on behalf of DataCard Corporation.

Andrea Snook  
Printed Name

Andrea Snook  
Signed

General Counsel and Secretary  
Title

2/29/06  
Date

Attorney Docket No. 2968.268USWO

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor I declare that:

- My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe I am the original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on an application for patent entitled: Protective Coating for Documents

the specification of which:

- a. ☐ is attached hereto; or
- b. ☒ was filed on December 13, 2004 as U.S. Patent Application Number 10/517969 or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP03/06249, and was amended on December 13, 2004 and February 28, 2005 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

| Foreign application(s), if any, claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. 119    |         |             |
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| Application Number(s)  | Country | Filing Date |
| 102 26 386.8   | Germany | 6/13/2002   |
| Foreign application(s), if any, filed before the priority application(s) |         |             |
| Application Number(s)  | Country | Filing Date |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below.

| U.S. Application Number | Date of Filing | Status (patented, pending, abandoned) |
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I hereby appoint:

the attorneys and patent agents associated with Customer Number 52835 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson, P.C. to the contrary.

I understand that the execution of this document, and the grant of a power of attorney, does not in itself establish an attorney-client relationship between the undersigned and the law firm of Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson, P.C., or any of its attorneys.

Please direct all correspondence to:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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| Signature of Inventor 201                        |  | Date:                             |

By: Dennis J. Warwick

Title: Technical Fellow

Dennis J. Warwick  
Signed  
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Date